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WIDOW DISTRAUGHT AS RINGS ARE STOLEN

by Adam Burling

THE widow of a bomb disposal expert killed in Iraq has been left distraught by a burglary at her Kidderminster home.

The thieves took irreplaceable items with huge sentimental value when they raided Jennifer Rimell's home, including jewellery belonging to her husband Ian, and the couple's wedding rings.

Mr Rimell was working with the UK-based charity Mines Advisory Group when he was shot dead in 2003..

On September 17, Mrs Rimell returned to her home in Spennells, to find it had been broken into.

Among the stolen items were the couple's 22ct gold wedding rings, and other pieces of Arabic gold which Mr Rimell had bought for his wife and family.

Mrs Rimell, 59, a mother of three grown-up children, said: "I arrived home and noticed things were out of place but it was only when I went into my bedroom and saw everything strewn across my bed that I realised I had been burgled.

Priceless

"I broke down in tears.

"Since then I have been finding it hard to sleep.

"All the items had belonged to Ian or his family, or were bought by him for me, and are priceless to me."

Mr Rimell, who received the British Empire Medal for his work in the Middle East, was attacked while on a humanitarian mission in northern Iraq.

Mrs Rimell, who had been married to her husband for 28 years, said: "I want these people caught. By taking family heirlooms they do not realise the sadness that they have caused to our family."

Anyone with information can call police on 101 quoting 95-N-170912.



Jennifer Rimell, aged 59, left shocked by burglars



Mrs Rimell with her husband Ian who died in Iraq

Woman in car crash tragedy is identified

A DRIVER killed in a crash near Kidderminster has been named as Natasha Kew.

The 21-year-old of Wordsley was declared dead at the scene of the smash on the A449 in Cookley last Tuesday.

Police say Miss Kew, of High Street, had been in the Black Country for about 18 months having previously lived in the Thames Valley area.

Tony Khan, who runs the Wordsley News and Booze shop near to Miss Kew's home, said: "She was a very friendly girl and she used to come in here quite a lot."

Miss Kew died after the Renault Clio she was driving lost control and overturned at 5.45am. The car then collided with a Peugeot van travelling in the opposite direction.

An inquest is due to be opened by the Worcestershire Coroner Geraint Williams.

The driver of the van was not injured in the accident which closed the road until late afternoon.

West Mercia Police are continuing to investigate the cause of the collision.

They have renewed an appeal for witnesses to contact the force operational support team on the non-emergency number 101.

Police alert over thieves

THIEVES targeted a wine bar and estate agent to try to steal mobile phones.

On September 12 two men distracted an employee at HR's Wine Bar, Load Street, Bewdley, when one snatched her Samsung Galaxy phone.

Earlier the same day, a man apparently selling Christmas cards tried to snatch a phone at Andrew Grant Estate Agents in Worcester Street, Kidderminster.

Men of Asian or east European appearance are believed to have been involved. Police are warning workers to be aware.

Battered old bridge gets CCTV protection

AN historic bridge over the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal, which has taken a battering from hit and run drivers, is now under special protection - from a spy camera.

The 240-year-old bridge over the canal at Caunsall, near Cookley, just outside Kidderminster, is having £30,000 worth of repairs after being hit by vehicles six times in the last 18 months.

Now the bridge, just off the A449 Wolverhampton to Kidderminster Road, has become the first of its kind in the country to get CCTV protection.

Nigel Crowe, head of heritage for the Canal and River Trust, which cares for 2,800 historic bridges, said: "Hump-back bridges were built for horse-drawn carts, not today's speeding motorists, who cause up to £1 million damage to bridges each year."

Since most incidents were "hit and run", the trust had to pay for repairs, he said.

Former mayor joins cabinet in reshuffle

A FORMER mayor of Kidderminster has been appointed to Wyre Forest's District Council cabinet after a councillor returned to the backbenches.

The re-shuffle was announced by the authority this week.

Councillor Anne Hingley will replace Councillor Julian Phillips as cabinet member for place-shaping. Councillor Hingley previously held the portfolio for legal and corporate services.

Councillor Phillips served on the cabinet since May 2011. He will continue to represent the Bewdley and Arley ward as a councillor. He said he had enjoyed serving on the cabinet but wanted time to focus on other work.

He is a case worker in the office of Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier, dealing with issues brought in by constituents.

"My experience on the cabinet has provided me with experience to be even more effective in serving the Bewdley ward from the backbenches," he said.

"Although I may no longer be on the cabinet I can still push for changes and that is what I plan to do."

'Danger' lollipop crossing is scrapped

A SCHOOL crossing patrol in Kidderminster has been withdrawn over fears that drivers are putting the warden and children's lives at risk.

Worcestershire County Council made the decision after "several near-miss incidents". It is thought drivers ignored road markings.

The crossing in Birmingham Road is used by pupils at Offmore Primary and King Charles I schools.

The lollipop warden stepped down last Tuesday and police and the council's school crossing patrol supervisor took over. The council is considering how to stop drivers overtaking queueing traffic at the crossing.

Council spokesman Adam Blackmore said: "Due to several incidents caused by irresponsible motorists breaking the law and ignoring clear road markings and signs, the decision was made to remove the school crossing patrol."

Mr Blakemore said the council was now working with police, and temporary signs had been put up to urge motorists to slow down.

Wyre Forest District and Worcestershire County councillor Fran Oborski said: "What we need is a pelican crossing. I have asked for police officers to be at the scene at least in the morning."

Memorabilia lost in raid

BEATLES memorabilia including models of the Fab Four and a yellow submarine were among property stolen in a burglary at Kidderminster.

A flat in Comberton Hill was broken into between 1.30pm on September 17 and 7pm the next day. A 52-inch, flat screen TV worth about £2,000 and other items including the Beatles memorabilia worth around £250, were stolen.

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Hundreds of vacancies pull in the job-hunters

SOME 500 people flocked to a Kidderminster jobs fair, hoping to snap up one of more than 400 work or apprenticeship opportunities on offer there.

The event, at the town hall, was organised by Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier.

Npower topped the list for the number of job vacancies, recruiting for 50 posts across the Midlands, ranging from office workers to engineers.

And among the visitors hungry for work were a father and son who had travelled from Wolverhampton.

Chandan Mal and his father, Harjinder, who has just been made redundant from a Tividale company, were checking out what was on offer.

Suitable

Harjinder Mal, aged 51, of Glengarry Gardens, Finchfield, Wolverhampton, has applied for several jobs in the last two weeks since being axed as a driver and warehouse assistant at Dave's Discounts in Tividale.

"I did metre fitting some years ago so I'm interested in finding out if Npower has anything suitable for me," he said.

His son, aged 31, of the same address, recently qualified as a heating engineer from a Dudley College course run at Great Barr.

"I'm working for an insurance company at the moment but I'm keen to get into the heating and plumbing business," he said.



Chandan Mal, who was recently made redundant, and son Harjinder check out the options with Gillian Hudson of npower



Job-hunters at the town hall



Kidderminster student Mark Reilly with Lisa Elmer of West Mercia Police

Hewett Recruitment manned a popular stand, taking a mounting pile of names of people interested in 35 to 40 temporary and permanent jobs in the Kidderminster and Worcester areas in a range of sectors.

West Midland Safari Park at Bewdley had opportunities for 30 to 40 people and Marks & Spencer was there to tell job hunters how they could apply for about 25 Christmas posts that will soon be advertised on its website for its newly-expanded store in Kidderminster.

Forty applicants expressed interest in joining a new apprenticeship programme – open to 32 people aged 17 to 25 – run jointly by Severn Valley Railway and Vital Skills Training to train people to work on the rail network.

The new £6.1 million academy at Kidderminster, run jointly by Kidderminster College and Birmingham Metropolitan College, had 250 apprenticeships on offer.

After the event Mark Garnier said: "There was a good cross-section of stands offering job seekers support and advice, and companies with over 200 jobs and 250 apprenticeship positions available. I'm sure many people would have found the fair informative."

Skills on offer at fun event

FAMILIES will be able to learn skills and crafts at a Great Re-skilling Event at Bishops Wood, Stourport.

The event is on Sunday, 11am to 4pm and available will be crafts including brick-laying, bread-making, gardening and candle making.

Activities for children will include pond dipping and woodland walks. There will even be ancient crafts demonstrated by Viking re-enactors.

Entertainment will be provided by Foxs Morris, Severn Valley Samba and Bellysimmo Belly Dancers.

John Rhymer, Head of Centre, said: "It is not just about learning the skills and crafts to help us be more self reliant. It is also about getting communities working together and enjoying life.

"All our entertainers will invite people to have a go and the guest caterers will share the secrets of Indian and Serbian cookery."

For details call John Rhymer on 01299 250513 or email jrhymer@worcestershire.gov.uk

Donor sessions

BLOOD donor sessions are at Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster, on October 5, at 1.15-3.30pm and 4.30-7.15pm. Call 0300 1232323 to book an appointment.



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Former MP Taylor to set up new political party

A RETIRED doctor who served two terms as an MP for Wyre Forest after campaigning against the closure of Kidderminster Hospital's A&E department is set to launch a new political party.

Dr Richard Taylor, aged 77, will be co-leader of National Health Action, which will contest seats at the next general election.

The party aims to tackle the Government's controversial health reforms. It is hoping to put up at least 50 candidates at the next election and is appealing to medical professionals to join.

The other co-leader is Middlesborough-based consultant oncologist Dr Clive Peedell.

Dr Taylor revealed the party would be officially launched within days.

His new move comes as campaigners battle against cost-cutting plans that could see Kidderminster Hospital close.



Former MP Dr Richard Taylor who has been drawn back into politics

Defeated

Six models of care have been drawn up by health chiefs, including two which could lead to Kidderminster Hospital being closed or downgraded.

Dr Taylor set up the Independent Health Concern party in the late 1990s when the casualty department of Kidderminster Hospital was under threat.

He was defeated in the 2010 general election by Tory Mark Garnier.

Dr Taylor said: "We are ready to launch the party now and we expect it to happen in the next fortnight. Everything is going as planned and I am very positive about what we can achieve."

A former consultant physician, Dr Taylor became one of the few independent candidates in modern times to defend successfully his seat in parliament. After he was defeated in 2010 he said he intended to retire – but has admitted he was drawn back into politics in "frustration" at the Coalition Government's plans for the health service.

He added: "The title of the party avoids using the initials NHS and removes the risk of being labelled as a one-issue party as it allows the party to fight on all issues contributing to the nation's health.

"As well as action for the NHS, action is required to make social services, particularly for the elderly, much fairer and the economy has huge implications for the health of the nation."

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Villagers on the march against housing scheme

HUNDREDS of angry protesters marched through Hagley and handed a letter to Lord Cobham opposing plans to build nearly 200 homes on his land.

A column of more than 700 people walked through Hagley on Saturday to show the depth of feeling against the scheme.

Cala Homes wants to build 175 properties on part of the 350-acre Hagley Hall site on land bordered by the A456 Kidderminster Road and the A491 Stourbridge Road.

Services

But villagers fear a flood of new neighbours will stretch schools and village services, including the village's doctor's surgery, to breaking point, and have opposed the plans.

There are also concerns it will lead to further traffic along already-congested roads and add to poor air quality in the village.

Saturday's noisy protest – which saw hundreds chant "save our village, keep Cala out", came just days after planning consultants Framptons held a consultation on plans for another 70-home scheme on land off Western Road nearby.



Part of the crowd on the protest march in Hagley

Jane Broom, a mother-of-two of Hagley Close, said her seven-year-old son Theo had already been on the waiting list for Hagley Primary School for two years.

Darren Humphreys of Cala has said the region was facing a major housing shortage. He said the firm would spend £1.7 million on improvements to roads and to boost education.

There have been more than 4,300 letters opposing the scheme and a petition signed by 2,000.

Park to host tea party for charity

THE West Midland Safari Park is getting set to raise big bucks for Macmillan Cancer Support and the Worcestershire Breast Unit Campaign at an event in the park's Tree Tops Pavilion on Sunday.

The Mad Hatter's tea party event will encourage as many visitors as possible to join in with the world's biggest coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support and to help the breast unit campaign raise the £1.8 million it needs to fund a new, dedicated unit at Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

At the pavilion will be a lavish selection of home-made cakes and savouries, and an opportunity to join in with a friendly animal encounter. The event is10-5pm.

OrganiserSonya Knezovich said: "Last year we raised a record sum of £2,000 and we have big plans to exceed this figure."

Music fun offer

KIDDERMINSTER Library is running a new weekly pre-school children's activity with Treetops Children's Centre. Starting on October 4, every Thursday at term time, 10.30-11, children up to five and parents can have fun with music, songs and rhymes. Call 01905 822722 for more information.

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Baby Summer is comfort for family after tragedy



Baby Summer – she's gorgeous, says her grandfather



Tom Edwards, Summer's father, who died in a crash

A LITTLE girl called Summer has brought a ray of sunshine to her heartbroken family who are mourning the death of her father.

Tom Edwards, aged 23, of Stourport, was looking forward to the birth of Summer – his second child – when his motorcycle crashed with a Land Rover Discovery on May 11.

He never saw the baby, born to his girlfriend, 21-year-old Danielle O'Connor, of Croydon, on August 6.

Tom's father, Matthew, of Lorne Street, Stourport, said: "Summer is stunning.

"Nothing can be done to bring my son back. But we still have his four-year-old son, Charlie, and now we've met Summer and she's gorgeous. She is bringing us some solace after this tragedy."

Memory

Mr Edwards, aged 50, another son, Jamie, aged 21, Tom's cousin John Edwards, also 21, and friend Darren Hudson, 30, have set off on a 158-mile bicycle ride in his memory.

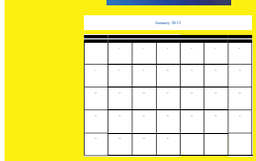
They aim to ride from Hartlebury to Saundersfoot in Wales to raise money for a trust fund for Tom's son, Charlie, and Summer. Mr Edwards also wanted to make it clear that the family attributed no blame to the driver of the Discovery involved in the crash, at Dunley, near Stourport.

"We're just grateful he was there to hold Tom's hand," said Tom's step mother, Lisa Edwards.

Tom was working for S Fox, a slabbing company, at Great Witley, near Stourport.

At an inquest last week, Worcestershire Coroner Geraint Williams recorded a verdict of accidental death.





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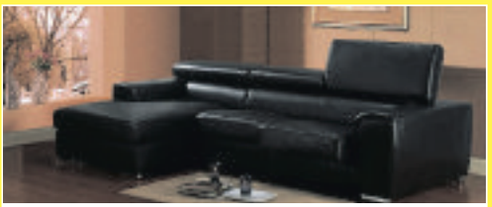
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NEWS

Firm is 3,000th to join business link website



The Abraxas team – hoping that the website will open up opportunities for them

A SPECIALISED catering firm is the 3,000th business to sign up to a business-to-business website developed by Worcestershire County Council.

Tom Wraight, boss of the Kidderminster firm Abraxas, said: "It's a great way to support local businesses, and it's free."

The website, Finditinworcestershire, aims to bring firms more customers, encourage networking and open up opportunities.

The county council hopes to boost the local economy by giving businesses the support and contacts they need to pitch for, and win, more and bigger contracts.

Abraxas sells new and refurbished catering equipment and designs and installs commercial kitchens.

Mr Wraight said: "We joined Finditinworcestershire to network with and offer our services to companies in the Worcestershire area."

Support

Kathryn Wagstaff, website project manager, said: "Since its launch in 2011 the project has gone from strength to strength.

"I am delighted to welcome Abraxas to Finditinworcestershire. We hope that they find lots of opportunities and put their own opportunities on the site to help support other local businesses."

"We hope other Worcestershire businesses sign up. They could be missing out on contracts worth millions posted on the site."

For information and to register a business, visit www.finditinworcestershire.com

Wills are way to boost a charity

KIDDERMINSTER'S largest law firm is to launch a discounted will-writing promotion to raise money for the blind and partially-sighted.

MFG Solicitors' Kidderminster office will offer its cut-price service on October 8-19, to coincide with World Sight Day on October 11. All the income will go to the Kidderminster branch of Worcestershire charity Sight Concern.

Valerie Robinson, partner at MFG Solicitors said the charity had shown "a tremendous dedication" to helping the blind and partially-sighted in its 80 years.



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NEWS

£24.5m learning campus proposal gets go-ahead



The new science block at the learning campus which like the other buildings, will be highly energy-efficient



How the early years block will look when complete



The residential block at the learning campus

A PROPOSED £24.5m learning campus in Kidderminster has been given the go-ahead by Worcestershire planners.

The Habberley Learning Campus, Habberley Road, will create a shared learning environment for three Kidderminster schools – Baxter College, St Johns Primary, and the Wyre Forest Special School.

The project includes a special school for 220 pupils, a new science block, an early years teaching block, a residential boarding house and general refurbishment and extension of St John's Primary.

Councillor David Thain, Worcestershire County Council cabinet member with responsibility for transformation and change, said: "We are delighted that this exceptional project has got the go-ahead. Apart from the benefits the community will receive, this is a very significant project."

The project is being built to exacting Passivhaus energy performance standards. Mr Thain said the standards meant buildings were designed to minimise the need for heating and cooling, and to provide excellent air quality.

Councillor Jane Potter, cabinet member with responsibility for education and skills, added: "This is great news for pupils and families.

"It means that Worcestershire will have its first fully-integrated education facility. It will cater for pupils aged between two and 19.

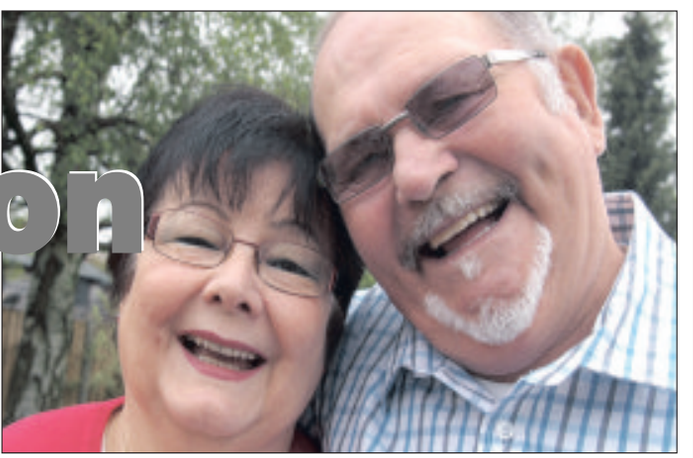
"The all-weather sports pitch and hydrotherapy pool will be available for the public."

The learning campus will be built in stages to minimise disruption, and the aim is to finish it by summer 2014.

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Clive's transformation

A working union between two dental professionals is helping to bring about life-changing outcomes. Retired sales director Clive, right, with wife Magaret, was terrified of dentists. Read why now he's recommending his friends book in to see them.



A Navy nightmare is finally overcome by the power of creative dentistry

CLIVE was so afraid of the dentist he plucked up all of his courage and begged him to extract all of his teeth so that he'd never have problems ever again.

That was more than 20 years ago, but what the retired sales director didn't know was that his tooth troubles were far from over.

Following the extractions dentures were fitted and he no problems for a few years. It was a welcome break from the pain he had experienced and the catalogue of dental disasters he had endured.

But the natural ageing process began to take its toll and Clive experienced stability problems with the lower denture as his gums receded. For five years he endured the embarrassment of dentures, sore spots on his gums and denying himself some of his favourite foods. "It took real determination to face up to the problem and the prospect of more dental work."

Clive recalls his first dental nightmare: Stationed at Malta while in the Royal Navy, he suddenly had raging toothache the night before he was due to play in a football match.

"I'd been drinking to dull the pain but as soon as I was back on board the duty dentists was summoned. He'd been drinking too and when he injected me with the anaesthetic he broke the needle.

"I eventually had to have an X-ray so he could find where the needle was. That was me finished. I'd do anything to avoid the dentist from there on."

In recent years Clive has had four denture relines to help the stability issues, but none provided a long-term solution.

Flashing his new smile and laughing heartily, Clive adds: "Things were so bad that if I turned to the right my teeth would still be facing forward.

"I can't stress how big a deal it was for me to get things sorted. I was terrified, so when I saw a piece in the paper about Steven Burchell and suction denture technology, I agreed to see him."

Clive's gum erosion was too severe for the suction system to work effectively and he decided to have implant-retained dentures. He was referred by Mr Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng), whose Denture Clinic is based at the Parkdale Dental Clinic in Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, and North Street, Dudley, to implantologist Mr Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc. Mr Pugh, principal of the Parkdale practice, carried out the surgery and the prosthetics were hand-crafted by Mr Burchell.

Clive recalls the procedure. "I was dreading it, but all I felt was a sensation that Mr Pugh was rubbing my gums." Clive's wife, Margaret, adds: "It's true! I was allowed to sit in with Clive. We were both treated excellently."

Since having the implant-retained dentures, Clive has been able to bite into crispy apples and indulge himself with pork crackling. "I feel comfortable and confident, it's the best money I've ever spent and have recommended both Steve and Jon to friends."

Suction solution

A CUTTING-EDGE development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is now available.

Denturist Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) says the invention has the potential to improve the life quality of those experiencing long-term problems with ill-fitting teeth. The Ultra Suction teeth are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices.

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NEWS

Explore flexible new way to view the E&S website

THE Express & Star website has never been easier to read, thanks to state-of-the-art technology that allows it to automatically adapt between a desktop computer, tablet and mobile phone.

Publisher the Midland News Association believes it is the first UK news company to introduce a system that resizes the layout according to the size of each user's screen.

That means that you will be able to navigate the site at ease, whether you are at home in front of the computer or using your smart phone on the bus.

With one of the fastest growing online regional audiences, the MNA has introduced the new flexible technology to help users and also to increase response rates for advertisers.

Rather than creating apps for iPad or iPhone, the websites are published using a single layout, which automatically changes according to the device.



Three devices, one website – how E&S coverage adapts to your screen

Swipe

The move means that instead of booking individual adverts for each platform, advertisers can take out a single campaign to appear on all devices.

The sites also feature enhanced features including swipe functionality for pictures galleries, increased image sizes and improved navigation.

The Express & Star site went live yesterday after the successful launch of the responsive website for sister title the Shropshire Star last month.

Managing director Phil Inman said: "We believe we are the first publisher in the UK to launch a website that responds to the way that the user is accessing it, reinforcing our desire to be customer driven. The MNA's audience on mobile devices and tablets is growing so we wanted to ensure that users got the same excellent experience, matching that of desktop visitors.

"The new website will mean we can give digital advertisers the best possible response across all platforms."

Editor Adrian Faber said the new website would ensure Express & Star readers got the best possible service across print and online.

Reflects

He added: "The launch of the new website is just the latest chapter in the Express & Star's history of innovation.

"Our editorial team works hard to produce the best content in the regional press for readers, whether they read the paper, our website or the successful page turning apps."

The launch is the culmination of nine months of work by the in-house MNA Digital team, led by digital development manager Mark Cadman.

It also reflects a big increase in the number of readers accessing the Express & Star using their mobile.

The paper's mobile audience has doubled in the last year, with almost a third of visits now coming via handheld devices.

Figures show the MNA's online network continues to be one of the fastest growing in the UK, with monthly unique users to the company's websites during January to June 2012 up 33.8 per cent year on year.

Expressandstar.com performed strongly with a 33.5 per cent rise in average monthly uniques to 913,334.

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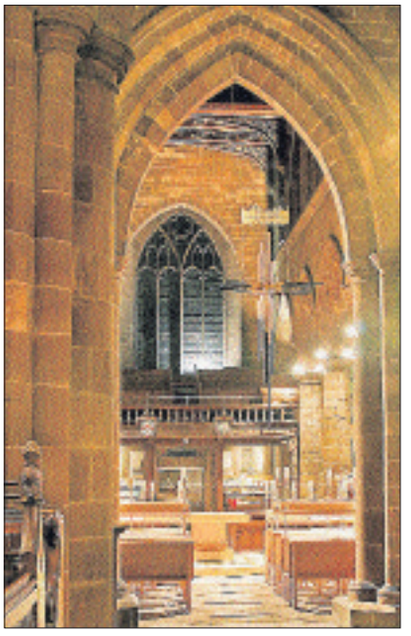
The carved head of of Edward III that looks down on the congregation



A Victorian etching of St Peter's, the oldest parts of which date to 1,200



The Lady Chapel, one of the first parts of the current church to be built



One of the impressive arches that support St Peter's

Why king looks down on the congregation

WHERE does the name Wolverhampton come from and why could St Peter's Church have become a Cistercian Abbey?

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Royalty in the form of Lady Wulfrun refounded the Minster with lands at Bilston, Willenhall, Wednesfield, Pelsall, Featherstone and other outlying small settlements, and several priests, known as a "college", to look after their spiritual well-being.

By Anthony and Joyce Perry

The first dean in charge of this collegiate establishment, Sansome, was among those who were close to King William, and was responsible for his Domesday Survey of the country. He became Bishop of Worcester, and annexed Wulfrenehamtun or Wlurenehamptona – the first forms of the full name of the town – to the Priory of Worcester.

King John, the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury agreed to replace the priests with a community of Cistercian monks and to build a new abbey about the year 1200, and the oldest parts of the existing church were the beginnings of this new building.

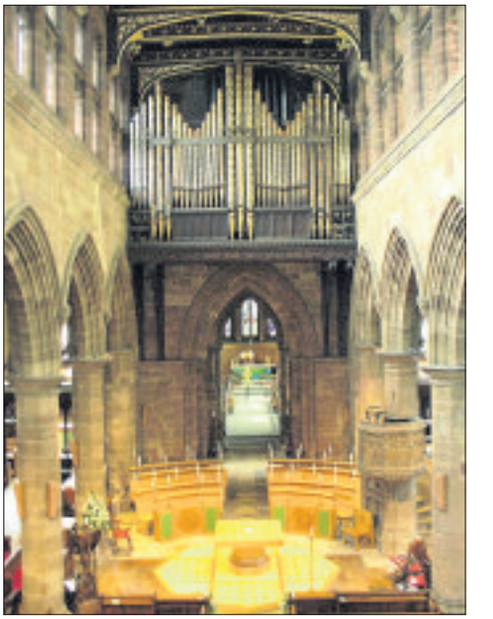
However, when the archbishop died the idea was abandoned and a new dean installed.

During the 13th and 14th centuries the dean in effect ran the town, with charters for a market, fair, borough, court and wool fair.

The town became wealthy through the wool and cloth trade, with sheep brought in to be penned in the folds and sold in the sheep market, sorting, scouring and spinning the wool and making cloth, and the wealthy merchants paid for St Peter's to be enlarged in the grand style we see today.

The church was a Royal Free Chapel, answerable to the Crown, not the Bishops, and Edward III was one monarch who was responsible for Charters to the Dean and indirectly for much of the rebuilding in the 14th century, hence his crowned head carved in the stonework above the nave arches.

Sunday and weekday services are held in St Peter's, and the church is open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday, and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays. The Visitor Centre is well worth seeing to understand more of the story of Wolverhampton and its parish church.



A picture taken from the gallery at the west end which was built for the boys of Wolverhampton Grammar School

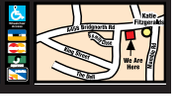
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In the pink – Nicola Farrington, Kate Meteo-Salt, and Valerie Salt

THOUSANDS of fundraisers braved the rain and biting cold to run the Race for Life at Himley Park, after the event was cancelled in July.

Torrential downpours left the park too waterlogged to hold the event, but come rain or shine, fundraisers were determined the race would go on Sunday. The day was split into two races with around 1,500 people taking part in each – one at 10.30am and the other at 2.30pm.

While the showers stayed away for most of the morning, they did however appear for the afternoon's session but thousands battled through the poor weather regardless.

Dressed as pink ballerinas or even moustachioed Mexicans in sombreros – the park was transformed into a sea of pink for the event as people ran, jogged or walked the 5km course, helping to raise a combined £300,000 for Cancer Research UK.

Among them was Kate Mateo-Salt, a 45-year-old learning support practitioner running in memory of her Spanish father Carlos Mateo, who died of cancer when she was just 14. And she really stood out from the crowd for being one of the few who managed to stay mostly dry, under the unusual choice of Mexican costume – with blankets and sombreros.

Mrs Mateo-Salt, a mother-of-two from Great Barr, ran with her mother-in-law Valerie Salt who is herself a breast cancer survivor aged 67, and Valerie's daughter Nicola Farrington, a recruitment consultant from Halesowen. They raised £260.

Jan Wallis, of Haden Walk, Blackheath, who works as a sewing machinist on three-piece suites, did not let the weather dampen her spirits.

She was taking part for the fourth year in memory of her grandmother Bessie, who passed away in 2005. The mother-of-two said: "It's such a good cause, hundreds of people turned out which is brilliant. It's a good laugh."

Mrs Wallis completed the course with Rowley Regis friends Paula Round and Samantha Jones, aged 19, who was walking in memory of her grandmother Sally.

Event manager Tracey Duffy said she was delighted with the turnout.



Dancing their way round Paula Round, Jan Wallis and Samantha Jones

Hundreds join in a stroll for memory



Lyn Chung and Karen Norton get ready for the walk

MORE than 450 fundraisers stepped out in the sunshine for a sponsored stroll in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

Walkers laced up their boots over the weekend to raise money for the charity in the annual Memory Walk around Dudley Zoo and Castle.

It has already been hailed a success by organisers, who believe it has pulled in around £20,000 in sponsorship.

Sports commentator Rupert Bell, who lost his mother to Alzheimer's, joined the throng of walkers.

Among those taking part were Anita Stow, aged 34, from Broad Lanes, Bilston, and her partner Steven Gill, 30, and sons Daniel Gill, nine, and Jack Gill, six.

They were walking in memory of Anita's 82-year-old grandmother, who lived with dementia for three years.

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Anita said: "This is a good cause to support because many people don't know a lot about dementia. Before my nan passed away, she used to wander and police would often bring her back."

Civil servant Karen Norton, 46, and from Quarry Brow, Upper Gornal, chose to complete the full 10km course and a special extra 'Bupa Memory Mile' at the end to raise an extra £5 in her bid to top £120 sponsorship.

She was completing the course for her father Dennis, who is cared for at Himley Mill Nursing Home School Road.

Mother-of-two Lyn Chung, 58, a training co-ordinator at Bupa-run Himley Mill, took on the walk for the first time this year. The home where Mrs Chung has worked for the past 12 years, has 28 beds dedicated to looking after patients with dementia. She said: "The memory walk is a great thing for anyone to do to show their support."

Motorists are warned of flooding hazards

DRIVERS are beiong warned to take extra care on the roads after heavy rain.

The West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership is urging motorists to be prepared to meet flooding.

Spokeswoman Vicki Bristow said localised flooding could affect driving across the region.

She said always test your brakes after driving through water.

If you do come across a road that is flooded don't attempt to drive through the water. Just an egg cup of water entering your engine is enough to wreck it.

Visibility can also be seriously reduced in heavy rain so headlights must be used, and allow a bigger gap between you and the car in front to allow for the increased stopping distance.

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CLUB NEWS

It's a hive of activity at bee talk

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THERE was no meeting in August but some members met up for a walk followed by lunch at the Boycott Arms.

The weather was kind and the sun shone as the ladies rambled from the pub through Claverley and back again. The club also provided cream teas at the Elms when it opened the gardens as part of the National Garden Scheme.

September's speaker was Phil Healey, the Honey Man. Phil used to teach rural sciences at Highfields School and he became interested in bees about 30 years ago.

He looks after 50 colonies of bees and also set up a bee colony in a school in Gambia. The group was shown how a hive is constructed. The bees can make their own wax, which is formed in a series of hexagons.

The queen bee stays at the bottom of the hive where she lays 2,000 eggs a day for three months. The worker bees are the females. They collect pollen, nectar, water and a type of glue, which they take back to the hive. The honey comes from the nectar.

To round off the evening Phil had brought some jars of home-made honey to sell. Mary Farquharson won the unusual jug competition

The next meeting is on October 11 at Trysull Village Hall at 7.30pm. Roger Halewood will talk about the National Memorial Arboretum.

Warden's view of unique common



Guest speaker – Highgate Common warden Jeff Sim

WOMBOURNE WI

SPEAKER for September was Jeff Sim, the Highgate Common Community Warden.

This trust began working on the common in 2009 relying on subscriptions and lottery money to fund their work.

After giving a brief resume of the trust's aims, Jeff described the common and how unique it is. Insects are the hub of the common and are the basis of the food chain for all the creatures who live there.

Jeff and his team, including volunteers. meet every Tuesday to clear bramble, open up areas to allow heather and such like to grow, cut down unwanted trees and try to rid the common of Himalayan Balsam before it seeds.

With lottery grants, new toilets, car parking, signs, office space and lecture room have been added, while paths have been flattened for easier wheelchair and push-chair access.

Jeff is very dedicated to and enthusiastic about, his work. His superb talk, with slides, was very much appreciated.

Group told of love for Nepal

LONGDON WI

MEMBERS may have been puzzled why the speaker, Margaret Cross, requested two large tables. It soon became clear when masses of multi-coloured fabrics were displayed.

Margaret had come to give some insight into her fascination and love of Nepal – a country she had become introduced to when her husband, an Army officer, had been posted there.

She gave some interesting accounts of her experiences and then proceeded to show everyone all the various fabric lengths, which were in fact saris. Several members were very pleased to learn the process of fixing the cloth into place and with much patience and some amusement. All were eventually attired in a sari.

It was most interesting to hear about Nepalese traditions and symbols.

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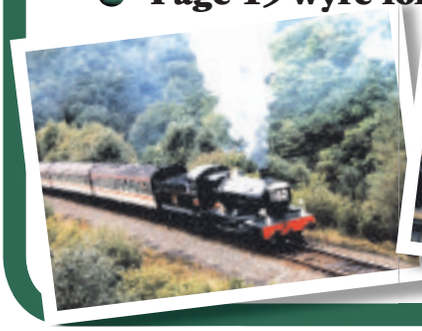


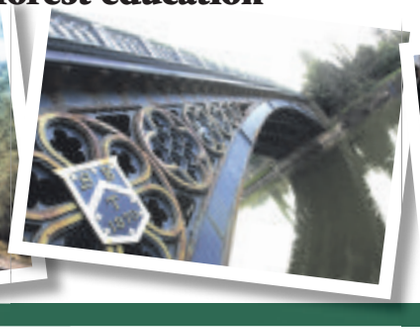
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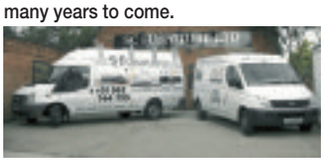
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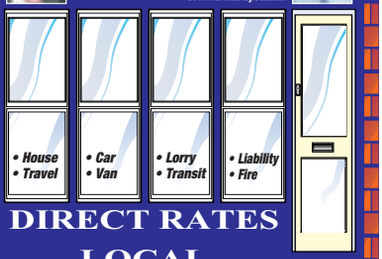
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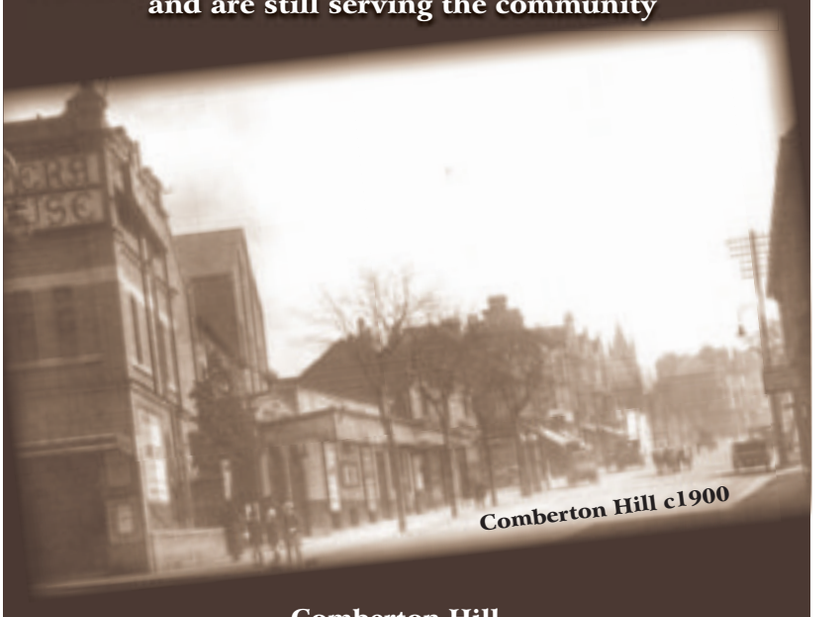
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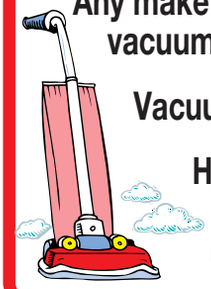
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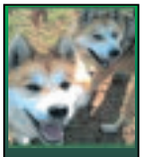
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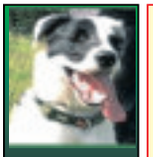
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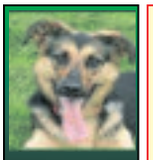
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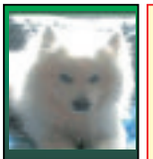
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Baxter College pupils celebrating their exam results. The college recorded its best results for the fifth year running

College bucks trend to record best-ever results

FOR the fifth year running, students, staff and parents at Baxter College in Kidderminster are celebrating the school's best ever examination results.

While many schools have seen their English results take a drop, Baxter College continues to buck the trend and 47 per cent gained 5 A* -C (including English and maths) and an amazing 93 per cent passed in five or more GCSEs between A*-C.

Similarly, A-level results this year have seen a 100 per cent pass rate and all students, bar one, who applied for university gained their place.

It is perhaps no surprise that in 2012, the school was runner-up in the Times Educational Supplement Awards for Outstanding School, Outstanding Leadership, Outstanding Business Team and Inspirational Teacher of the Year, and is aiming for top spot in all four categories next year.

Improvement

"Baxter College is on its way to becoming an outstanding school but we are actually aiming to become world-class," said principal Dave Seddon, who has overseen continuous improvement over the last nine years.

"Converting to an academy on September 1 will give the school greater autonomy and better funding which we hope will take the school on to that next level," he added.

However, probably the most exciting and potentially most influential news has come with the approval of planning permission to create the Habberley Education Learning Partnership involving Baxter, a special school and primary school on the Habberley Road campus.

This will mean new facilities costing £24 million, a new inclusive way of working, and numerous opportunities to benefit our local community.

There is therefore, a tremendously positive attitude pervading the school and everyone is "well up" for the challenges that lie ahead.

No-one should be surprised if next year is our best year ever – we just keep on improving.

'Outstanding' verdict is school's crowning glory

THE YEAR 2011-2012 has been yet another highly successful year on many fronts for Hagley Catholic High School, with outstanding exam results at GCSE, AS and A level.

Collectively these represented its best ever results in public examinations.

Attainment at this level continues to mark it out as a flagship school both locally, and at a national level.

As a crowning glory, Hagley High School went on to celebrate the official recognition of its excellence in October when Ofsted gave it a grading of outstanding.

The Ofsted report recognises that the school's unique and very special ethos ensures that students develop exceptionally well the skills and attributes that they need for their future success.



Ofsted recognised that Hagley High School's curriculum is imaginative

Imaginative

The inspectors recognised that Hagley's outstanding care, guidance and support ensure that all students gain from the opportunities the school provides through its imaginative and comprehensive curriculum.

Inspectors were particularly impressed by the excellent behaviour of students and recognised that the students have a strong sense of duty, and participate in activities that help others and improve the environment in the school and beyond.

The full report is available on the schools' website (www.hagleyrc.com) or the Ofsted website (www.ofsted.gov.uk)

Hagley High School is set in a very pleasant and leafy site in the village of West Hagley, on the boarders of Stourbridge, with excellent public transport links. It boasts first-class facilities that include a theatre, a multi-million pound sports hall complex and a recently-completed ICT block.

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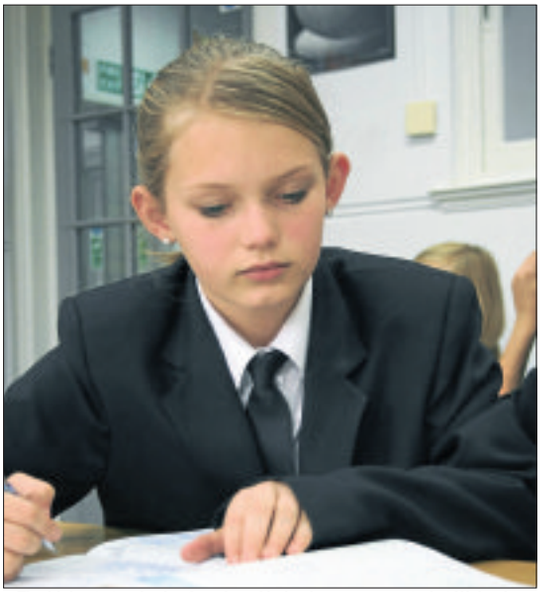
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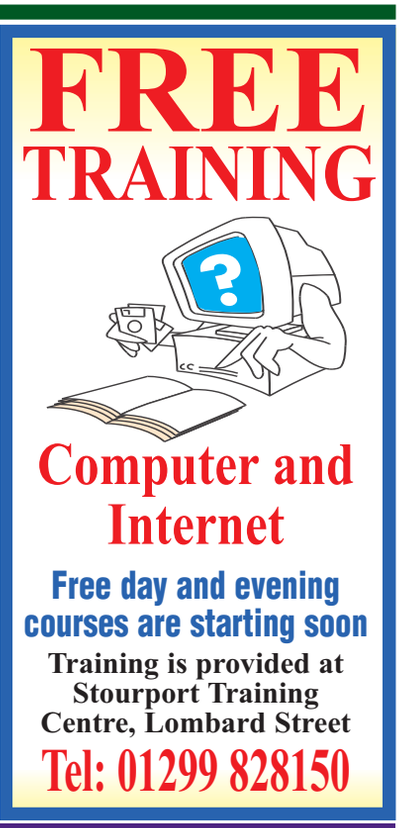
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Pupils enjoy success with scholarships

ONCE again, pupils at Winterfold House School in Chaddesley Corbett have notched up a fantastic number of scholarships to senior schools.

This year they have gained 16 awards to a variety of schools, including Malvern College, Cheltenham College, Bromsgrove School, King's Worcester, RGS Worcester, Edgbaston High School for Girls and Old Swinford Hospital.

This means that Winterfold pupils have gained a staggering 104 scholarships in the past five years.

This year's successes include nine academic scholarships as well as awards for music, drama, sport, and design and technology.



Some of the Winterfold youngsters looking forward to bright futures

Holy Trinity's free school plans attracting parents

HOLY Trinity International School in Kidderminster is attracting interest from families wishing to enrol their children, as the school prepares its application to gain free school status for September 2014.

An open morning will be held on Saturday, October 6, from 10am to noon.

Holy Trinity planned to become a free school in September 2013, but was not included in that phase. However it is confident it can strengthen its application and again it is offering the opportunity to families to register their interest in the school as a free school.

At Holy Trinity there is a strong tradition of respect, strong academic achievement and an education designed to develop creative minds, in an environment which fosters positive engagement. Longstanding work with the community and a broad range of community initiatives continue to play an important role. Holy Trinity facilities are used by organisations and community groups for swimming lessons and other activities.

Complete a questionnaire and help demonstrate local demand. Link with Holy Trinity on Facebook, or Twitter @followHTIS.

For a questionnaire, call the school on 01562 822929, or send an email to: admissions@holytrinity.co.uk



Creative minds at Holy Trinity

Schools are offered free cinema trips by charity

PUPILS in the Kidderminster area can go to the cinema for free as part of National Schools Film Week.

The week runs October 15-26 and organisers say its aim is to support classroom teaching by providing schools with a powerful experience for their students.

It links directly to elements of the curriculum and is supported by an online library of resources related to individual films and more generic topics – essentially an extension of the classroom.

Last year, 470,000 students and their teachers took advantage of the Film Week, and this year there will be 2,500 screenings at 570 cinemas across the UK.

This year is the 17th year of the Film Week and Nick Walker, director, said it sought to create a greater awareness and understanding of cinema based on the concept of relationships and dialogues in a variety of films.

It addressed issues of cultural exchange, and raised awareness among teachers of the use of film across the school curriculum.

This was achieved by in-cinema talks and online resources, which gave teachers the tools to encourage students to explore new cinematic worlds, he added.

The Film Week is run by the charity Film Education which has been working since 1985 to bring film to teachers and children, producing resources, and running cutting-edge teacher training events.

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In case you didn't know it, Barry Cryer is actually one of the UK's finest comedy writers, who penned material for showbiz legends including Dave Allen, Stanley Baxter, Tommy Cooper and Kenny Everett. He'll be one of the guest stars taking a place in this week's light-hearted quiz, fronted by David Tennant. Mick Miller, who first came to many peoples' attention 40 years ago as one of The Comedians, will also be taking part. Once more, team captains Johnny Vegas and Phill Jupitus will be doing their best to guide their side to victory.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigellissima. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.40** A Question of Sport: 2012 Olympics Special.

6.20 All New Total Wipeout.

7.20 Doctor Who. New York's statues come to life, and with Rory in grave danger, the Doctor and Amy face a race against time to locate him – with a little help from an old friend.

8.05 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. High-tension quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles, in which two brothers are hoping to win enough to pay for one of them to have his dream stag party.

9.00 Casualty. A man meeting his girlfriend's daughter for the first time crosses paths with an old acquaintance, leading to disaster, while Fletch shows Lloyd a good time.

9.50 BBC News; Weather.

10.10 Match of the Day. Gabby Logan presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Arsenal v Chelsea at the Emirates Stadium and Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford; National Lottery Update.

11.40 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

12.50 Film: Point Blank. (1967) Crime thriller, starring Lee Marvin. **2.20** Weatherview. **2.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **11.00** Golf: The Ryder Cup. (R) **1.00 Film:** The Swarm. (1978) **3.30 Film:** Triple Cross. (1966) **5.30** Wartime Farm. (R)

6.30 Flog It! Susan Orringe and Mark Stacey uncover more items suitable for auction in Weymouth, Dorset. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army. A night at the cinema and a black-market toasted cheese sandwich make Mainwaring dream he is Napoleon, in an episode first broadcast in October 1972. (R)

8.00 Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs. Historian Pamela Cox explores how Britain's domestic servants lived and worked in the 19th and 20th centuries, and investigates their role in society. (R)

9.00 QI XL. Rob Brydon, Phill Jupitus, Cal Wilson and Alan Davies try to come up with interesting answers to Stephen Fry's questions about journeys, in an extended version of the quiz.

9.45 The Thick of It. Nicola boards a train to Bradford for a party event, accompanied by a TV news crew, giving Malcolm an opportunity to continue his plan to remove her as leader of the opposition.

10.15 The Clintons. How the Monica Lewinsky scandal shook America's confidence in Bill Clinton. Last in the series.

11.15 TOTP2: Bee Gees Special. The Bee Gees talk about and perform some of their favourite tracks. (R)

12.00 Golf: The Ryder Cup. **2.00** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV; CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The X Factor. (R) **12.50** ITV News; Weather. **12.55** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.20** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.05 Film:** Any Which Way You Can. (1980) **4.10 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday. (2007) **5.45** Regional Programme ; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 New You've Been Framed!

6.45 Fool Britannia. Hidden-camera pranks, with Dom Joly.

7.15 Red or Black? Champion martial artists go head to head, men take on women in a stunt-driving challenge and the Overtones perform a medley. Game show, hosted by Ant and Dec. Continues after The X Factor.

8.00 The X Factor. Cheryl Cole, Ne-Yo, Tinie Tempah and Sharon Osbourne assist Gary, Nicole, Tulisa and Louis respectively in locations around the world as 24 acts vie for 12 places in the live shows. Continues tomorrow.

9.50 Red or Black? Including a shadow-boxing duel between James DeGale and Carl Froch. Last in the series.

10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Jack Dee, Dynamo, Emma Watson and No Doubt.

11.35 ITV News; Weather.

11.50 Take Me Out. A scuba-diving instructor, a media salesman, a hair consultant and a fish merchant take part. (R)

1.00 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** British Formula Ford. **7.00** FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** T4: Pink: Real Stories. **9.50** T4: iTunes Festival 2012: T4 Highlights. **10.25** T4: New Girl. **10.55** T4: Revenge. **11.50** T4: Suburgatory. **12.20** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **4.20** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **4.55** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **5.25** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **5.55** Come Dine with Me: Ireland.

6.25 Baggage. Two more singletons pick a partner to take on a romantic holiday, but must choose from contestants whose foibles include constant crying and an obsession with football. (R)

7.25 Channel 4 News.

7.55 4thought.tv. A Sufi Muslim compares English and Egyptian culture.

8.00 Comedy World Cup. Johnny Vegas, Josh Widdicombe and Mick Miller take on Phill Jupitus, Roisin Conaty and Barry Cryer as the comedy quiz tournament continues. David Tennant asks the questions.

9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.

11.05 Film: Sliver. (1993) Erotic thriller, starring Sharon Stone and William Baldwin.

1.10 Film: Omkara. (2006) Musical drama, starring Ajay Devgan. **3.45** Amelia and Michael. (R) **3.55** Hollyoaks.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** How Do They Do It? (R) **11.55 Film:** Battle of the Bulge. (1965) **2.50 Film:** Maverick. (1994) Comedy Western, starring Mel Gibson. **5.10** 5 News Weekend. **5.15 Film:** North Sea Hijack. (1979)

7.15 Film: The Wild Geese. (1978) British mercenaries hired to free a political prisoner from an African state are betrayed by their employers. Action adventure, starring Richard Burton and Richard Harris; 5 News Update.

9.50 CSI: Miami. The investigators head to a children's beauty pageant where one of the contestants' mothers has been found dead – but stumble across another horrific crime.

10.45 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team investigates the death of a schoolgirl whose body was found wrapped in a shower curtain. A classmate with a grudge claims he is guilty – but his sister also confesses. (R)

11.40 Forensic Files. Police use the latest scientific and forensic techniques to identify the killer of a convenience-store clerk whose half-naked body was found in woods almost 20 years previously. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad!

BBC Four

7.00 Human Planet **8.00** Horizon: Seeing Stars **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.50** The Story of Light Entertainment

ITV2

3.05 The X Factor **4.35** The Xtra Factor **5.40 Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **7.55 Film:** Uncle Buck (1989) **9.50** The Xtra Factor **10.50** Celebrity Juice **11.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

ITV3

3.30 Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.50** Murder, She Wrote **6.50** Foyle's War **9.00** Vera. DCI Vera Stanhope investigates an 11-year-old murder case. **11.00** Crime Connections

ITV4

3.05 British Superbike Championship Highlights **4.05** Police, Camera, Action! **4.35** The Professionals **5.40 Film:** Escape to Victory (1981) **8.00** River Monsters **9.00 Film:** The Gauntlet (1977) **11.15 Film:** GoodFellas (1990)

E4

3.15 Revenge **4.15 Film:** Grease (1978) Romantic musical, with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00 Film:** Assault on Precinct 13 (2005) **11.10** The Inbetweeners

Film4

3.30 Imagine That (2009) **5.35** The Golden Child (1986) **7.20** Hot Shots! (1991) Action movie spoof, starring Charlie Sheen. **9.00** (500) Days of Summer (2009) **10.50** The Hills Have Eyes (2006) Horror remake, starring Aaron Stanford.







SUNDAY'S TV 30.09.12

CHOICE



Philip Mould

Fake or Fortune?
BBC1, 7pm
Week after week this series has proved to be fascinating viewing, as presenter Fiona Bruce – with the assistance of expert Philip Mould – has laid bare some of the tricks of the forgers' trade by assessing supposedly valuable works of art from around the world. But this week the tables are turned, as art detective Philip puts one of his own finds under the microscope. He believes a painting he bought could be the work of 17th-century artist Anthony van Dyck. But to prove it, the piece will have to undergo a thorough examination.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.20** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.20** Cash in the Attic. (R) **2.05** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** The Indian Doctor. (R) **5.35** Planet Earth Live: An Elephant's Tale.

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Fake or Fortune? Philip Mould tries to prove one of his own purchases is by Anthony van Dyck. It could be worth a small fortune, but the painting will have to undergo a thorough restoration first.

8.00 Countryfile. Steps to conserve eels and the rare lesser horseshoe bat in the Usk Valley and how a rise in the demand for coal is affecting parts of the countryside and the people who live there.

9.00 Andrew Marr's History of the World. The journalist tells the story of the earliest empires, which laid the foundations for the modern world, including the invention of the first alphabet and the birth of democracy.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Highlights of Aston Villa v West Bromwich Albion.

11.05 Golf: The Ryder Cup. Highlights of the third and final day from Medinah Country Club in Illinois.

1.05 Weatherview. **1.10** Sign Zone: Cairngorms – A Year in the Wild. (R) **2.10** Holby City. (R) **3.10** The Paradise. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **12.30** MotoGP. **2.00** Golf: The Ryder Cup. (R) **4.00** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs. Tanya Arnold presents highlights of the qualifying semi-finals.

6.00 Great Barrier Reef. Monty Halls explores the extraordinary ecosystem. (R)

7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May try to build mobility scooters capable of tackling the British countryside's terrain. With actor Michael Fassbender. (R)

8.00 Vikings. Neil Oliver tells the story of how the age of the Vikings came to an end, exploring the lives of the first Danish kings and the spread of Christianity. Last in the series. (R)

9.00 Dragons' Den. A former chat-show host seeks funding to make a TV quiz programme – and tries to convince the Dragons her game could be a hit by getting them to play it.

10.00 Mock the Week. With Joe Wilkinson, Josh Widdicombe and Milton Jones. (R)

10.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With guest host Kathy Burke. (R)

11.00 Film: You Instead. (2011) Premiere. Two bickering rock stars from rival bands are forced to spend a music festival handcuffed to one another. Romantic comedy, starring Luke Treadaway and Natalia Tena.

12.20 Film: My Baby's Daddy. (2004) **1.40** BBC News. **3.55** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.35** ITV News; Weather. **12.50** The X Factor. (R) **2.40** William & Kate: The South Seas Tour. (R) **3.40** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. **4.40** Downton Abbey. (R) **5.40** Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. (R)

6.10 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.25 ITV News; Weather.

6.40 The Chase Celebrity Special. Russell Watson, Rita Simons, Bill Oddie and Denise Welch try to win thousands of pounds for charity by outwitting one of the show's resident trivia experts.

7.40 The X Factor. The judges have to tell the remaining acts in their categories who has made it into the final 12, and who is heading home disappointed.

9.00 Downton Abbey. Edith's big day arrives, Mrs Hughes anxiously awaits her results, while Mary takes matters into her own hands to secure the estate's future – but the personal cost could be high.

10.05 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Hillsborough. Jimmy McGovern's 1996 drama exploring how 96 spectators lost their lives at a 1989 FA Cup semi-final at Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield. Starring Christopher Eccleston. (R)

12.20 Premiership Rugby Union. **1.15** The Store; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.50** Motorsport UK. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** FIA GT1 Championship. **7.10** Ironman Triathlon. **7.35** Inside Endurance: The Brownlees. **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.25** Food Unwrapped. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55 Film:** 10 Things I Hate About You. (1999) Comedy, starring Heath Ledger and Julia Stiles. **4.50** 4thought.tv. **4.55** Deal or No Deal. **5.55 Film:** Ice Age: The Meltdown. (2006) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Ray Romano.

7.40 Channel 4 News.

8.00 Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home. The Grand Designs presenter continues his project by searching for items to transform the shell of his wooden cabin into a habitable home, including a floor, a window and a stove.

9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the 00s. Alan Carr, David Mitchell, Richard Ayoade, Sarah Millican, Kevin Bridges and Noel Fielding answer questions about the 2000s. Jimmy Carr hosts. Last in the series.

10.35 Film: The Brave One. (2007) A radio talk-show host descends into a spiral of violence after taking the law into her own hands to avenge her fiance's murder. Thriller, starring Jodie Foster and Terrence Howard.

12.55 American Football Live. Philadelphia Eagles v New York Giants (Kick-off 1.20am). **4.45** Grudge Match. Remote-control car fanatics battle it out. (R) **4.55** Deal or No Deal. Beat-the-banker game show. (R) **5.50** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **12.25 Film:** City Under the Sea. (1965) **2.05 Film:** Vertical Limit. (2000) **4.25 Film:** The Towering Inferno. (1974)

7.35 5 News Weekend.

7.40 Film: Spider-Man 2. (2004) Personal troubles tempt Peter Parker into giving up fighting crime, but first he has to face a deadly new foe. Comic-book adventure, starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst.

10.00 Film: Gamer. (2009) Premiere. Sci-fi thriller, with Gerard Butler and Michael C Hall.

11.55 Soho Blues. Police officers in London's West End raid a suspected fraudster's flat. (R)

12.50 SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Be Your Own Boss **8.00 Film:** National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Cuckoo **11.15** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks **7.30** The Story of Light Entertainment **9.00** Fleetwood Mac – Don't Stop **10.00 Film:** The Maid (2009) **11.30** Room at the Top

ITV2
3.40 The X Factor **5.30** The Xtra Factor **6.35 Film:** Back to the Future (1985) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Girlfri3nds **11.45 Film:** Eyes Wide Shut (1999)

ITV3
2.50 Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four **5.00 Film:** The Magnificent Two (1967) **7.00** Lewis **9.00 Film:** Fierce Creatures (1997) **10.55** Cracker

ITV4
1.35 Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **4.10 Film:** Spartacus (1960) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** The Keeper (2009) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal. **11.00 Film:** The Howling (1981)

E4
3.10 Charlie's Angels **4.05** New Girl **4.35** Suburgatory **5.05** Revenge **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.30** New Girl

Film4
2.50 The Man Who Knew Too Much (1956) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller remake, with James Stewart and Doris Day. **5.10** Meet Dave (2008) **6.55** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **9.00** Juno (2007) Comedy, starring Ellen Page. **10.50** 12 Rounds (2008)

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Simply Luxury Opens with Bomb Cosmetics

Saturday 29th September at 10AM the doors open on a very special event in Blackwell street. It will be the second anniversary of the original opening of Kevin & Anne Barkers now well established shop Simply Charming and on that day the shop next door will be opening as Simply Luxury.

This fantastic venture will not only compliment Simply charming but will help revitalise that corner of Kidderminster. Simply Luxury will offer a huge range of the luxurious Bomb Cosmetics to pamper yourself & relax after a hard day. You can choose from a great range of bath creamers, bath bombs & soaps.

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Kevin had worked for a large national company and got caught up in the pressure such positions carry. He believes those pressures contributed to at the age of 46 he was diagnosed with cancer. This needed immediate surgery and he almost did not make it.



After leaving his high powered job and realising that he needed to calm down

He decided to live his dream, running a small business dedicated to a holistic and spiritual lifestyles. Eventually after a period of learning, Simply Charming was born with what Kevin and Anne believe is one of the largest Collection of crystals in the Midlands. This followed with spiritual items for all beliefs.

With the opening of Simply Luxury next door both shops will fit together to bring a blend of Spiritual Relaxation and bodily relaxation & well being.



Kevin says he wants to bring Glastonbury to Kidderminster.

Make sure you are there for the opening on Saturday 29th September at 10AM

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Kevin says Anne has been the 'Engine' as he calls her behind this new venture & they are delighted with the outcome.

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY
Speed, Channel 5, 9pm
An LAPD cop discovers a psychopathic criminal has planted a bomb on a crowded bus, primed to go off if the vehicle drops below 50mph. He boards the vehicle and helps the hapless passenger who has been forced to take the wheel to keep a constant speed to avoid a disaster. Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves. (1994)

TUESDAY
Outrageous Fortune, BBC1, 12.05am
A porn star and a drama student discover they have one thing in common – they are being two-timed by the same man. When their lover mysteriously disappears, they team up to find him, only to learn he is an agent of a foreign power and has implicated them in his espionage schemes. Comedy, starring Bette Midler, Shelley Long, Peter Coyote and Robert Prosky. (1987)

WEDNESDAY
Identity, Channel 5, 11pm
Ten strangers take shelter from a storm in a remote hotel, but start to suspect their being together at the same place and time is more than just a coincidence. Before long a mysterious figure begins to murder them off one by one – leaving the guests to work out which of them is the killer, or if someone else is in the hotel. Murder mystery, starring John Cusack. (2003)


Speed, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

THURSDAY
McBride: Tune in for Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm
An obnoxious radio DJ is killed and his co-presenter is accused of the crime. McBride takes on the case, but becomes convinced of the defendant's innocence – especially as the murder weapon is nowhere to be found. Mystery, starring John Larroquette. (2005)

FRIDAY
Into the Blue, Channel 5, 10pm
Divers looking for sunken treasure in the Bahamas discover the submerged wreckage of a plane with a stash of cocaine hidden inside it. Eager to make the most of the opportunity, they devise a plan to sell the drugs – but their scheme attracts the attention of a ruthless narcotics dealer and an unscrupulous rival treasure hunter. Thriller, starring Paul Walker. (2005)

American Gangster, ITV1, 10.35pm
The story of 1970s drug kingpin Frank Lucas, whose methods of smuggling heroin into the US made him one of the leading figures in the New York underworld. A detective is assigned to bring Lucas's empire down, but his investigation is undermined by police corruption. Fact-based crime drama, starring Denzel Washington, Russell Crowe, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Josh Brolin. (2007)

Pick of the Week

An intelligent new entry in the espionage genre


Melissa George stars in the new espionage thriller series.

Melissa George has certainly come a long way from the picturesque sand dunes of Summer Bay and Alf Stewart's kindly lectures.

The Amityville Horror, Derailed and a decent stint in the always-loved Friends provided starring roles for her; but when can the actress finally breathe a sigh of relief and be in no doubt that she's really hit the big time? When her talents secure her the lead role in a gritty BBC espionage drama like **Hunted (Thursday, BBC1, 9pm)**, that's when – and so we're about to see a whole lot more of this brilliantly talented actress.

Here, she crops up as Sam Hunter, an operative for the elite private intelligence and security firm Byzantium. She's had something of a hard life; while assigned to a mission in Tangier, someone tried to kill her, and not knowing where to turn, she retreated to a remote location to retrain.

A year down the line, and she's fighting fit and ready to return to work, but she's not greeted with cards and flowers; suspicion and mistrust more like – where has she been all this time? That's the question on the lips of her former secret lover Aidan Marsh.

Her bosses are equally as wary of her, but they have more important matters to attend to; they need Sam to infiltrate a family headed by millionaire Jack Turner, a man with a criminal past and who has a vested interest in Byzantium's secret client.

The premise alone gives a firm nod in the direction of fellow BBC spy drama, Spooks, so for those of you who have been needing a fix since that came off air some time ago, fill your boots.

George recently spoke to Cinemax about her latest portrayal, admitting: "You don't want to cross Sam. She is still the firm's best operative, but since the attempt on her life, any trust she had for the firm and her co-workers is gone. That is why she is so determined to go back to work and face her team – she really believes that one of them is behind it. She is a very complicated person and not easy to get to know."

But it would seem that in her new mission, as she integrates with the family she's been assigned to, it will be hard not to become emotionally embroiled in their story.

"When the trauma of her past resurfaces, it sends her down a certain path. In many ways, she identifies with Eddie, the child she is tutoring in her mission. Because of their similar experiences, he has a huge effect on her that she wasn't anticipating. She struggles with caring too much, which can be a liability in her business."

George is in great company in this, another of the Beeb's surge of fantastic dramas to take us through dark and dreary nights of the looming winter.

She stars alongside Adam Rayner (Mistresses), Stephen Dillane (Game of Thrones) and Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje (Lost).

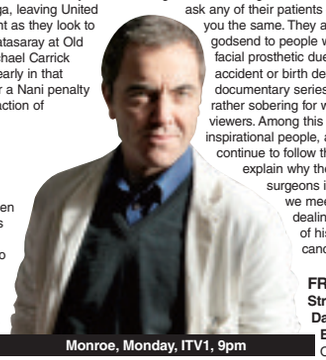
Best of the Rest

MONDAY
Hotel GB
Channel 4, 9pm
Where on earth would you find the ever-helpful Dr Christian Jessen and foul-mouthed foodie Gordon Ramsay underneath the same roof at the same time? In Hotel GB of course, as Channel 4 brings together some of its well-loved personalities, throws them into a hotel to run it, and sees how they fare. The broadcaster always does these novel-sounding ideas so well, but this time, it's for a good cause. For one week, many familiar faces will take over a hotel and staff it with unemployed people who are desperate for a break; the challenge being that the hotel must make as much money for unemployment charities as possible. Keep an eye out for Gok Wan, Phil Spencer and Katie Piper.

Monroe
ITV1, 9pm
James Nesbitt's hit drama about a charismatic brain surgeon obviously impressed millions when it debuted last year, so before you could say 'medulla oblongata', TV bosses had given the green light to a more ambitious second, run. Series two opens 18 months after series one, and there are quite a few changes at St Matthew's hospital. While Monroe (Nesbitt) has moved into his new bachelor pad, Shepherd (Tom Riley) and Bremner (Sarah Parish) are proud parents to baby Louis. Alistair Gillespie (Neil Pearson), the hospital's new Head of Clinical Services, soon makes his presence felt with a few controversial decisions, and it looks like co-worker Lizzie Clapham (Tracy-Ann Oberman) will also set the cat among the pigeons.

TUESDAY
UEFA Champions League Live
ITV1, 7.30pm
Manchester United continue their quest to reach the knockout stages of the Champions League this evening as they travel to Romania to face CFR Cluj at the Dr Constantin Radulescu Stadium for their second Group H encounter. The hosts are the domestic champions and produced one of the shock results of matchday one with a 2-0 victory away to Portuguese side SC Braga, leaving United with a potentially tricky assignment as they look to build on their 1-0 win against Galatasaray at Old Trafford on the same evening. Michael Carrick was on target for the Red Devils early in that match, which was also notable for a Nani penalty miss and the return to first-team action of midfielder Darren Fletcher.

WEDNESDAY
Dallas
Channel 5, 9pm
There's more sibling rivalry between the Ewing pensioners as a furious Bobby discovers he has been conned and JR holds the deeds to Southfork. However, Ann comes up with a way to stop his plan, though it could prove costly. Meanwhile, Tommy and Rebecca attempt to rescue their scheme; Elena and John Ross attempt to reach an understanding, and Christopher considers playing dirty to overcome his enemies. Aside from series regulars Larry Hagman and Patrick Duffy, the cast includes Josh Henderson, Jesse Metcalfe, Jordana Brewster and 24/ Transformers veteran Glenn Morshower.


Monroe, Monday, ITV1, 9pm

THURSDAY
Making Faces
Channel 5, 9pm
The men and women of the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Department at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham are nothing short of miracle-workers; ask any of their patients – they will tell you the same. They are simply a godsend to people who require a facial prosthetic due to illness, accident or birth defect, and this documentary series has been rather sobering for we mere viewers. Among this week's crop of inspirational people, as cameras continue to follow their stories and explain why they're visiting the surgeons in the first place, we meet Peter, who's dealing with the loss of his nose to cancer.

FRIDAY
Strictly Come Dancing
BBC1, 9pm
On Saturday, September 15, viewers were treated to a special premiere edition of this year's Strictly Come Dancing. It introduced us to the competitors and their professional dance partners. Usually such things are predictable, but the sight of tiny Kristina getting Colin Salmon was a bit of a shock – their dances 'in hold' will probably see her staring at his belly button instead of over his shoulder. The competition proper begins this evening, with half of the group of celebrities celebrities taking to the dance floor for the first time; the remainder make their debuts on Saturday. Everyone will be hoping to impress the judges as well as the viewers; the results of both sets of votes will be announced next week, when the first celeb will be given the boot.

Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs
BBC2, 9pm
Learning about those who worked 'downstairs' a century ago always made for an interesting topic in history lessons; if you were lucky, you got to play dress-up and really get into character. Years down the line, seeing how 19th and 20th century domestic servants lived still makes for a fascinating subject (note the popularity of Downton Abbey) – something with which Pamela Cox obviously concurs. This week, she discovers what happened when servants directly challenged their masters and mistresses. The programme tells of wayward laundry maids, butlers selling their stories to the press and Suffragette maids. The whole notion of service hit trouble though when young workers were lured into factories and shops…

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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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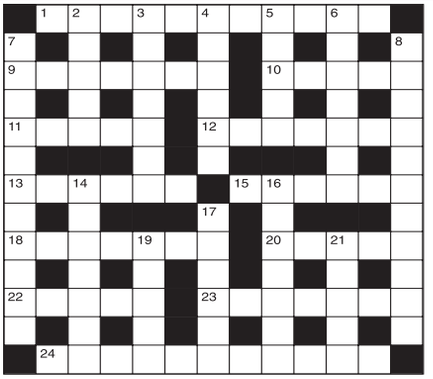
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 Z	2 J	3 X	4 M	5 I	6 O	7 T	8 Y	9 F	10 B	11 A	12 G	13 W
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Evidently doesn't suffer in silence! (5,2,4)
9. Shrub here in the cellar but usually outdoors (7)
10. One way to score (5)
11. One who pays his respects in a lady's boudoir? (5)
12. Composed and ready for inspection (5,2)
13. A stone in the way perhaps (6)
15. End of the act (6)
18. It may accompany a throbbing drum (7)
20. Coach - or coaches (5)
22. Talk or eat perhaps (5)
23. They may be tied up with postal deliveries (7)
24. It throws light on what has been written (7,4)

Down

2. Space is needed for this room (5)
3. After a number on the side (7)
4. Selected to play, but not on the wing? (6)
5. Animal comes from the swamp and accepts food (5)
6. Concentrated in a nervous way (7)
7. He probably doesn't engage in serious pursuits (3,8)
8. Rows in forms that will please the eye (11)
14. Line of defence that makes lawyers angry? (7)
16. Put into bonds on account of great interest? (7)
17. Continue being eager to hold work up (4,2)
19. A solemn profession (5)
21. A light abreast of the ship (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Calamity (11)
9. Bankruptcy (7)
10. Game of chance (5)
11. To correct (5)
12. Trenches (7)
13. Ridiculous (6)
15. Talented (6)
18. Vacation (7)
20. Of the sun (5)
22. Confine (5)
23. Passage (7)
24. News (11)

Down

2. Nimble (5)
3. Apart (7)
4. Tramples (6)
5. Young bird (5)
6. Axe (7)
7. A little time later (5,1,5)
8. Thoughtful (11)
14. Wise man (7)
16. Moment (7)
17. Method (6)
19. The same (5)
21. Lariat (5)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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4	1	9	3	7	5	8	6	2
7	6	3	8	1	2	5	9	4

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Hopeless; 5 Uses; 9 Idea; 10 Mahogany; 11 Snips; 12 Eclipse; 13 Sleeping pills; 18 Astonish; 19 Guys; 20 Siamese; 21 Laity; 22 Ring; 23 Advances. Down: 2 Ordinal; 3 Example; 4 Shake one's head; 6 Scalpel; 7 Shyness; 8 Roll up; 13 Sparser; 14 Entrain; 15 Penned; 16 Ingrain; 17 Layette. QUICK - Across: 1 Complete; 5 Acts; 9 Maze; 10 Alienate; 11 Civil; 12 Abusive; 13 Intentionally; 18 Together; 19 Jowl; 20 Outcome; 21 Queer; 22 Tune; 23 Astonish. Down: 2 Oration; 3 Precise; 4 Talkativeness; 6 Cranial; 7 Scenery; 8 Return; 13 Introit; 14 Tighten; 15 Notion; 16 Adjourn; 17 Lawless.

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Phoenix teams are on the rise

Newtown U13 0
Wyre Forest Phoenix Flyers U12 10

THE Flyers hit double figures in their second game of the season.

They got off to a strong start when Erin Price found the net in the first minute.

Fleur Connolly then bagged two goals and Abigail Lawson did the same before Jasmine Cartwright made it six before half-time.

Sydney Harris added a second-half brace and there were two further goals for Connolly.

Welland U13 1
Wyre Forest Phoenix U13 8

Phoenix were quickly into their stride with a Chloe Whyley goal after three minutes.

Georgia Akers put away Ella Stokes' pass to make it 2-0 at half-time.

Stokes added two in the second half and Kerstin Ballard also scored.

An own goal put Welland on the scoresheet, but Georgia Akers notched a quickfire double and Ballard rounded off the scoring.

Wyre Forest Phoenix U 16 3
Leamington U16 1

Leamington started the stronger but Phoenix went ahead against the run of play when Kathryn Bayliss got into the box and Eilidh Shakespeare scored.

Shakespeare added a second at the start of the second half. Leamington got one back and began to dominate the play.

But a Laura Brennan free-kick found Shakespeare who blasted in her hat-trick goal.

Wyre Forest Phoenix U17 3
Stourbridge U17 3

Phoenix went ahead when Lucy Sanders' corner reached Sadie Brown who scored.

However, some sloppy play saw Stourbridge score twice. With two minutes left in the first half, Molly Plant laid on a lovely pass to Chloe Handy who slotted the ball under the keeper.

Grace Barker finally put Wyre Forest ahead only for Stourbridge to level from a free-kick three minutes from time.

Hereford Pegasus Res 1
Wyre Forest Phoenix Ladies 8

Phoenix, starting without substitutes, gave Kirsty Jones the lone striker role in a 4-4-1-1 formation – and she grabbed six goals.

Other goals came from Leah Haney-Wilcox and Tracy Evans. The home side did manage to get a consolation goal with a chip over keeper Vicky Hyde.

Juniors' impressive results at Welsh Open

THE Samurai juniors gained some impressive results at the Welsh Open Championships in Cardiff, with Darcie Hancocks and Becky Hobby taking gold medals and four other players in the medals.

Two of the seniors also took medals at the competition, which attracted more than 600 entries.

Hancocks, who has already won the London International Open and West Of England Open this year, beat the best of the Welsh players in her category in just nine seconds with a huge throw.

She then came up against her toughest opponent, a Bristol girl who gained a score on her before Hancocks hit back with a superb high score and then a maximum to win the match.

A Liverpool girl gave her no trouble in the semi-final and then she cruised to victory in the final, taking just 20 seconds to defeat a Sussex girl to take the gold.

Leah Grosvenor defeated the eventual gold medalist by maximum points with a groundhold, then lost for a place in the final, but came back to win the bronze.

Matthew Hemer started spectacularly in the boys lightweights with a fantastic throw against a south Wales player.

Samurai Judo Club

He reached the semis but eventually won the bronze.

Nathan Gallacher has just moved up a weight category and is also at the bottom of his age group, and it didn't help that he was drawn against the eventual gold medalist in his first contest. He lost, and then went into the repechage for the bronze medal but lost against a Berkshire player.

Bryony Griffiths started with an impressive win. In the semis she was caught on the ground. This left her with one contest for bronze and the same thing happened, leaving her fifth.

Becky Hobby started nervously but won her first contest and got into the final against a Maesteg girl. This was her toughest match and after nearly two minutes she was two scores down and seemingly going nowhere. But she launched a fantastic attack which caught the Welsh girl for maximum points and gave Hobby the gold, her first major title.

Frankie Marston started with a spectacular throw to win her first match, one of the best throws of the day. She went on to take the bronze.

Charlotte Read reached the final of her category, but had to settle for silver.

On the second day, Laura Dangerfield in the senior section came up against the Autralian who had beaten her at the Heart of England. The Aussie was far better than any other player in the category and defeated Dangerfield, who went on to win the bronze. Rob Alloway added a bronze for the club, unlucky not to defeat a fifth level black belt in his last match.

For details about the Samurai club, call 0776 1122977 or see http://www.samurai.org.uk/

Youngsters earn their spurs for top-five finish

KIDDERMINSTER Victoria have ended a competitive season in fifth place in the Birmingham League Premier, some achievement considering they often had to call up youngsters to face experienced sides.

The side was occasionally strengthened by Matt Pardoe, Neil Pinner and Ben Cox who are all on the county staff, yet sometimes played without any of them. That's when the youngsters won their spurs, ***writes Brian Gittins.***

Club captain Jonathan Wright's experience was a great help to all his players, especially the young ones. The weather made life difficult. In the Premier Division there were 37 matches abandoned compared with only eight in 2011.

Kidderminster Victoria CC

KVCC's league figures were: Played 22, won seven, drew five and lost five with five abandoned.

The highest score in any one game was 258-5 against Knowle & Dorridge. The team scored over 200 in six other matches.

There were two real disasters. West Bromwich Dartmouth bowled KVCC out for 34, still the lowest score by the club during our long time in the Birmingham League.

Skittled

Historically, West Bromwich bowled Kidderminster out for 16, but that was in 1945.

In another season low, Walsall skittled out KVCC for a meagre 46.

Top scorer was Pinner with 571 from 13 innings. His highest score was 98. Zac Turley scored 365, with his best a 64. Pardoe only batted nine times, scoring 339 with a top score of 80.

Opening bat Andy Kimberlin hit a best score of 81 in his total of 313.

Wicket-keeper Ben Cox had a best score of 70 while scoring 260 runs. Connor Smith was the only century-maker.

His 109 against Wolverhampton helped him towards his aggregate of 232.

Turley and Smith are just 17 years old and show great promise for the future. Smith is also a more than useful bowler.

If life was difficult for batsmen, it was even harder for bowlers.

The league averages show that most bowlers did not reach anywhere near their 2011 figures.

Pinner took 22 wickets, Richard Kimberlin 20, Mark Mansell 18, Gareth Williams and Wright 16, and Connor Smith 13.

Two important points must be mentioned. Williams was out with injury for most of the season and only bowled in eight matches.

Mansell bowled 175 overs, good going for someone in his 40s. Pinner bowled 150 and Kimberlin 140.

There were other teenagers who played in the first XI and acquitted themselves well. Henry Wright, whose highest score was 36, Tom Kimberlin and Ryan Derrick all played their part. Derrick has been an outstanding fielder.

Charlie Stainforth had his first innings in the final match and scored a respectable 22.

There was some good cup cricket played, with the most success coming in the Kingfisher Cup with KVCC reaching the quarter-final of this National competition.

The future for KVCC looks bright.

The young players will hopefully get better, and with the addition of one or two specialist batsmen or bowlers, the club can aim for greater things.

A special thank-you must go to team manager Ian Kimberlin for getting things organised.

Other thanks should go to the scorers Sandra and Jan, and to the groundsman Damon Willetts.

Student coach takes top award



Katie Blunt, front centre, with members of Worcestershire Ladies Cricket Club

A SPORTS coaching and development student has won an award for her commitment to cricket coaching.

Katie Blunt was named young volunteer of the year at Worcestershire County Cricket Club's Bill Jones Memorial Volunteer of the Year Awards, held in partnership with Worcestershire Coaches Association and Chance to Shine.

Blunt will travel to Lord's on Monday, October 22 with all respective county winners. The 20-year-old said: "I was really happy to win this award but quite shocked. I have been playing cricket since I was about 13 and coaching for about five years now, having gained my level 2 coaching award." Blunt coaches at Oldswinford Cricket Club, where she has been responsible for establishing a disability cricket programme, and also coaches Worcestershire Under-11s.

"The disability programme is the first of its kind for cricket in Worcestershire and I'm really keen to expand it," she said.

Blunt, from Pedmore, is also captain of Worcestershire Women's Cricket Club, plays for Pershore Ladies and occasionally for the men's team at Oldswinford. She hopes to work in disability sport when she completes her degree.

Firsts take advantage as hosts push up

Swansea 1 Stourport 3

STOURPORT ladies firsts hockey side came back from the prevous week's defeat to take their first victory in National Conference West.

Player of the match Julie Whiting opened up gaps in the home defence and created a host chances for the visitors.

Swansea found themselves denied at every opportunity. On the odd occasions that the hosts did get through they found Heidi Devey, Sophie Harris, Katie Robinson, and goalkeeper Sally Smith too tough to handle.

The visitors took the lead when a breakaway led to Sarah Cavendish picking up the rebound of her own saved shot, and belting into the back of the goal.

Stourport still looked dangerous in the second half but Swansea pulled one back.

The visitors continued to press, forcing errors in the home defence and Lora Symonds restored their lead.

Swansea pushed forward which led to gaps in defence and Sade Gerald broke away to slot in Stourport's third.

Towcester 1 Stourport 0

Stourport seconds found themselves on the wrong end of a 1-0 scoreline when they travelled to Towcester for their first Midland Feeder West fixture.

Despite the scores being level at half-time the visitors went down to a goal scored in the 28th minute of the second half.

Stourport 1 Worcester 0

The fourths go into this weekend's opening league match on the back of a 1-0 victory in a friendly against Worcester thirds.

The visitors attacked early on, but found it hard to penetrate Stourport's defence. The home side made a few inroads into Worcester's half and won a few short corners and went ahead when Chey West finally converted one.

Bromsgrove 3 Stourport 1

All four goals in the fifths' match at Bromsgrove came in the opening half. But it was the home side who prevailed.

Bromsgrove made all the running in the opening periods, and were rewarded with the first of their three goals. A second followed and it went from bad to worse for the visitors as the home team added a third.

Things did pick up for Stourport though, when they pulled a goal back through Teri Baron.

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District football results, fixtures

Kidderminster & District

Saturday results

Premier: Areley Kings 2 Wyre Forest 3; Dudley Wood Ath 7 Lodgefield Park 1; Kings Heath Old Boys 3 Birch Coppice 2; Kinver 0 Dudley Villa 5; Netherton Ath 2 Fairfield Villa 2.

Sunday results

Premier: Alveley Social 3 Honved 5; Bromley 8 Orton Vale 1; Grange Ath 2 Wolverley Ath 1; Harriers Trust 0 Franche Village Club 2; Kingswinford 3 Wordsley 0; Woodside Utd 7 Oakham Utd 0.

Division 1: Bull and Bladder 3 Chainwire 1; Enville Ath 0 Sporting Hagley 3; Gornal Fiddle 15 Caves 0; Station 2 Stour Park Rgrs 5; TS Units 3 Ocean Designs 3; Taverners 2 Dudley Sports 1; Wilden Village 1 Stourbridge Rgrs 3.

Division 2: Chaddesley Corbett 2 Darby End Ath 1; Gigmill 1 Areley Kings 3; Kewford Eagles 2 White Horse Celtic 4; New Inn Sports 4 Stourbridge Ath 2; Olympic Sports 2 Wall Heath 3; Waggon And Horses 0 Royal Exchange 4.

Division 3: Blue Brick 1 Lakeside Utd 7; Cock and Magpie 2 Wordsley Lions 2; Netherton Colts Sen 5 Arley 0; Pockets 4 Labour In Vain 3; Rock Sports 1 Bewdley Arches 0; Royal Oak Celtic 4 Sporting Club 3; Stour Glassboys West 4 Plough Dukes 2.

Division 4: Abberley Vale 2 Tap House 13; Bewdley Olympic 5 Wollaston Lions 4; Brit Wollaston 2 Areley Kings Res 1; Clarkes 1 Vizi Bar 10; Mostyn Rgrs 2 Preston 2010 3; Queens Head 0 Wilden Village Res 1; Snooks Ath 2 Netherton 2; Wolverley Social 1 Ferndale 8.

Division 5: Barley Mow Wdrs 4 Forest Rgrs 3; Halesowen 2 Hamilton Rgrs 2; Harriers Arms 4 Yew Tree 3; Hillgrove 4 Star 07 2; King Billy 4 Royal Exchange Res 2; Lye 4 Norton J 1; Meadow Lark 0 Marlpool Olympic 2; Withymoor West 1 Mostyn Rgrs Res 2.

Saturday fixtures

Premier: Birch Coppice v Netherton Ath; Dudley Villa v Dudley Wood Ath; Lodgefield Park v Areley Kings; Two Gates v Kings Heath Old Boys; Wyre Forest v Kinver.

WFA Saturday Minor Cup Round 1: Arrow 2000 v Fairfield Villa Res.

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Worcs FA Sun Junior Cup Round 1: AFC Kempsey v Waggon & Horses; Chaddesley Corbett v Rubery Social All Stars; Malvern Rgrs v Sporting Hagley; New AFC Barbourne v TS Units; Station v Blue Star.

Worcs FA Sun Minor Cup Round 1: Vale Wdrs v Areley Kings Res; Bewdley Arches v Washford Lion Res; Bewdley Olympic v North Colts Utd; Hizza Utd v Ferndale; Forest Rgrs v Inter Express; Gardeners Arms v Harriers Arms; Hillgrove v King Billy; Marlpool Olympic v Arley; Pebworth v Mostyn Rgrs; Hangover v Plough Dukes; Queens Head v Broadway Utd Res; Vizzi Bar v Pockets; Clifton Rvrs v Wilden Village Res; Wolverley Social v Trinity Spts.

Backroom boy – Guinan lands a coaching role

Kidderminster Harriers

STEVE GUINAN has been given a coaching role at Kidderminster Harriers.

The 36-year-old, who signed a one-year playing deal in the summer, has now been added to the backroom staff too.

Guinan is in his 20th season as a full-time footballer with his 15th club, first signing professionally with Nottingham Forest in 1993.

He said: "I'm really pleased to be getting involved – I think I've got a lot I can pass on myself and it will be a great learning curve.

"I still enjoy playing and, hopefully, I can stay involved because you never stop getting itchy boots and wanting to play a part on the pitch. But if I'm not in the squad then this is a great way to make sure I can still have an impact and make a contribution."

Harriers boss Steve Burr brought the much-travelled hitman to the club last year and he made 26 starts and 13 substitute appearances in his first season.

Guinan has combined playing with a full-time job as football academy manager at Hartpury College in Gloucestershire for the last 21 months.

Burr said: "Steve very much sees himself moving into the coaching side of things and this is a really good addition to the backroom. He will still have a big involvement on the playing side of things for us, as he has such tremendous experience.

"But this is something that will benefit everybody."

Alfreton 1 Kidderminster Harriers 1

Kidderminster Harriers made it 10 games without a win in the Blue Square Bet Premier Division at the weekend, despite extending their unbeaten run to five games with a 1-1 draw at Alfreton.

Former Harriers midfielder Dan Bradley gave the home side a 29th-minute lead before Anthony Malbon fired in an equaliser midway through the second period to leave Harriers still at the foot of the table.

Harriers assistant manager Gary Whild remained positive in his outlook after the game. "We've come away to a team who are on the crest of a wave and you could see why – they had plenty of tempo and energy," he said. "I thought we did well enough to probably get three points. I was pleased with the performance."

Whild added of his strike force: "We came out strongly in the second half and deserved the equaliser and it was a great finish by Anthony Malbon. You can see that Nathan Blissett is a handful and a threat."

CAROLIANS THRILL ON WAY TO NEXT ROUND

Kidderminster Carolians 35 Leek 25

KIDDERMINSTER CAROLIANS moved into round two of the Intermediate Cup in a highly entertaining encounter which saw the hosts outscore Leek by seven tries to four.

With 10 minutes played, Leek took the lead when their winger was not held and found support inside for the opening try of the match, ***writes Martin Easton.***

Kidderminster Carolians

Just five minutes later KCs wheeled a Leek scrum on their five-metre line and No.8 Layton Wilkinson picked up and fed scrum-half Mark James who crossed unopposed to level the scores.

Midway through the half the visitors' full-back kicked a simple penalty to retake the lead but on the half-hour their centre was yellow-carded and KCs took immediate advantage when a run by winger Arthur Chiverton blasted through Leek's defence for a try putting the hosts ahead 10-8.

Advantage

KCs' forwards clearly had the measure of their opposite numbers and the home side held on to their narrow two-point advantage fairly comfortably until the break, but it had been a tight first 40 minutes and with Leek's backs looking threatening despite limited possession.

KCs started the second half with an outstanding try. Second row Rob Phillips gathered Leek's kick-off and Carolians then retained possession for the best part of two minutes with the ball going through countless phases before Chiverton used his strength to cross the whitewash.

Almost from the restart a missed tackle allowed Leek in for a converted try under the posts to level at 15-15 but Kidderminster then had an 18-minute purple patch which effectively won the match, scoring four tries.

Firstly, Wilkinson set up a ruck to provide good ball for Andy McLellan to touch down and then Chiverton again punched a hole in the visitors' defence to set up a ruck on their tryline from which Phillips plunged over.

An explosive run by Tom Maher sparked off several more great passages of play culminating in a try for centre Jake Evetts after working a scissors move with McLellan.

With KCs looking to keep the ball alive at every opportunity Phillips rounded off some more terrific handling with his second try to establish a 35-15 advantage.

Leek were, however, still looking dangerous on the break and refused to lie down.

They ran in two late tries through their right-wing and hooker – but KCs were worthy winners and now look forward to a challenging return to league action when they travel to top-of-the-table Old Laurentians on Saturday.

Judo squad brings home clutch of medals



Enter the dragon – judo players from the Samurai club in Kidderminster brought home a host of medals from the Welsh Open Championships in Cardiff. Pictured from left are some of their team: Leah Grosvenor, Matthew Hemer, Darcie Hancocks, Frankie Marston, Becky Hobby, Bryony Griffiths and Charlotte Read. Report: Page 31

Records smashed in swim

TWENTY-ONE Wyre Forest swimmers smashed personal best times in the Stourbridge Crystal Open Meet.

Crystal trophies for first places went to Ryan Larkin, aged 11, in the 50m freestyle; Ria Chance, aged nine, 50m fly; Georgina Knott, aged 11, 100m individual medley; Abbey Rowley, aged 11, 50m backstroke; Hetty Tinsdale, aged 11, 50m freestyle and Emily Stancer, 12, 50m freestyle.

Swimmers achieving second and third positions included Ryan Larkin, who was second in the 50m fly, Nicole Tanser Voets, third in the 100m individual medley and 50m breaststroke, Melissa Marshall, third in the 50m fly, Georgina Knott, second in the 50m backstroke and third in the 50m fly, Abbie Rowley, second in the 50m breaststroke and third in the 50m freestyle, Hetty Tinsdale third in the 50m backstroke and Emily Stancer, third in backstroke.

Also competeing were Olivia Jay, Emily Seymour-Perry, Eden Fallon-Davies, Imogen Rhodes, Caitlin Hire, Olivia Turner, Lucy Watkiss, Amy Osborne, Emma Osborne, Emily Jay, Jasmine Bird, Laura Hyrons and Sophie Jancey.

Kidderminster golf results

KIDDERMINSTER Golf Club results. **Vets Trophy:** 1 Yvonne Foley, 2 Annie Billingham. **EWGA medal, Division One:** 1 Shirley Caswell nett 76, 2 Nadia Stirling 77. **Division Two:** 1 Rosie Burton, 2 Gill Sanderson.

The John Hay cups, mixed: 1 Yvonne Foley and Mat Rock nett 69, 2 Paul Massey and Shirley Caswell 71. **Seniors mixed open:** 1 Yvonne Foley and Will Painter 41pts, 2 Pauline Evans and Vaughn Reid 39.

Men's Pairs open, four ball better ball: 1 Scott and Jake Turner 45pts, 2 John Parsons and Ivan Knezovich 41, 3 Charlie Knight and Pat McCall 41. Nine-hole Stableford: 1 Richard Secker 17pts, 2 T Shaw 17, 3 Anthony Browne 15.

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